



Armbouts-Cappel Carnival

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Miss Minster 2017 - Lenhle Kayise Motsa



Opening of Southern Co-op Minster by Pilgrims Hospice



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Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 7 March @ 7pm in the
Neighbourhood Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the

Council

through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:-

9.30am - 12 noon weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the

office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned

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www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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EDITORIAL

I'm at a bit of a loss as to what to fill this space with this month. For the past few issues I've given up most of my editorial space to enable us to squeeze in as much as possible, but this month we've struggled to fill 32 pages and I've been left with most of this page to fill.

So, what can I tell you? Well my collection of plastic bottle tops is coming along slowly, however please don't stop saving them for me, I'm going to need thousands to build this giant and I'm still only in the hundreds, please tell your friends and relations to save them for me, the more the better. Remember I'm accepting all tops, large, small and anything in between just provided they are plastic.

Just bought a second crochet hook so as I can join my „better half" who is busy making

„poppies" for 2018 - I thought I may have a go at producing a few „Le

Bleuet"

(Cornflowers) in recognition of our French comrades.

Already the evenings are drawing out and I've noticed there are lots of bulbs beginning to push up through the borders awaking from their Winter slumber, Spring will soon be with us and we'll all be able to get back out in our gardens. Speaking of gardens the village „Open Gardens" committee are looking for „new" gardens to open this year so if you would like to show off your „patch" please do get in touch - see their poster on page 16 of this issue for contact details. Whilst speaking of Open

Gardens then it's also time to remind you of our „Scarecrow Challenge" which we hold over the same weekend - the

Minster Show theme for 2017 is „Carnival" (Mardi Gras style!!) so I've been thinking it would be great to see some Scarecrows following that same theme - although if you are intending entering and have already got a great idea in mind then don't let me spoil

those thoughts, we aren't actually setting a theme to be followed, but it was just that

„Carnival Crows" might be an idea if you're stuck for one of your own.

Forms/Rules will be available in the April issue of this magazine.

Well that"s about it as having started out by puzzling about what to write I seem to have run out of space all too quickly.

CONDOLENCES

Betty Smith and family would like to express their thanks to everyone who sent cards and condolences on the loss of Dave Smith.

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VANDALISM/CRIMINAL DAMAGE IN OUR VILLAGE

The following letter arrived in our inbox after we'd already sent this issue to print on Sunday evening - however we felt it so important that we removed a less time sensitive article and resubmitted the page for printing.

Who's fed up with the antisocial behaviour during late night and early morning hours.

Enough is enough in what was once a delightful village to live is becoming a nightmare.

Bad language, general noise and vandalism have become the norm to expect. Worst still, it won't get any better as the Spring and Summer approach.

I was disturbed by noise at 10:45pm
Saturday night, 3:55am and 4:30am
Sunday

morning. I looked out and saw eight youths, possibly about the age of 14 or 15 totally out of control. Cars have been damaged and gardens trampled over. I am now keeping a

diary of events.

With no evidence of police ever being present maybe we need to join forces and sort the little jobs out ourselves. I am a born and bred villager, there's still a fair few of us. I can tell you, we have got together many times for the good of the village, and we can do it again.

I am sure this all started after McDonald's were granted 24 hour opening. The amount of litter is evidence alone of how irresponsible some people can be.

If every person who's fed up or maybe afraid of what's going on, can write a letter and leave it in the box at the library. Make sure you include your name and address. A

mention of any damage that you found the morning after, or just to say if you have been disturbed will be fine.

If enough people are willing to get on board, we can spy, report and deal with the matter appropriately, apprehend and

call the police to start with. I will pass on all the letters to the Police Commissioner, if he can't do anything, then it works both ways, if we become a nuisance to the perpetrators, what can they do?

Hazel Grove

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

I regret to report that Margaret Griffiths lost her battle against cancer and passed away on Friday 10th February. She was a fine bowler, but more than that she was a lovely lady and will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to her husband Alan and their family.

In the E.K.S.M. leagues the Hinds are in 3rd place in Division 1 the Abbots are 6th in Division 2, whilst the Monks are 4th in Division 3, as shown on the league tables at 19th February. In the Club competitions Min Smith and Maureen Hedges will contest the Final of the Ladies Singles, whilst Sue Jones, Brian Hedges and Paul Churchley will meet Elaine Symons, David Ormerod, and Alan Blake in the Mixed Triples. These matches will be

played over the weekend 8th/9th April.

On Saturday 18th February 4 pairs from the club took part in the "Dusty Miller Pairs" at Hawkinge. *Brian Morphey,*

Hon. Secretary

www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk

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MINSTER ARMBOUTS-CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Committee members were invited to a
Carnival in Armbouts-Cappel on Sunday

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February. This is traditionally to
celebrate the fishermen going away to
sea for their fishing expeditions and after
a few months their celebratory return,
culminating in the sharing out of fish.

Four of us braved the cold and wet

weather conditions and dressed up to join in the fun.

It was a very energetic event and the Parade continued with non-stop music for about 4

hours. A great time was had by all and we were honoured to be asked to help throw the wrapped fish from the top of the „Mairie". We would like to thank Marc, Lydia, Pascal and Nathalie for their kind hospitality before and after the Parade.

On Saturday 11 February, a delegation of 16 French citizens came over to attend the

Miss Minster Selection Dance organized by the Minster Carnival Court and a buffet lunch was organized by us for them in the Royal British Legion. Thanks go to the Royal British Legion for the use of their venue and for preparing the buffet. This was followed by a very constructive meeting to discuss future events on both sides of the channel.

The next event is our Quiz on Saturday 4 March at the Royal British Legion, 8pm prompt start, £5 a head including a buffet, for tables of 6-8 people. Reserve your table now with Carol on 447 706.

Thanks go out to those who have sent exhibits to be included in the exhibition

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Armbouts-Cappel to be held from 19-26 March.

There are still a few seats available on the coach going to the Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday 25 June in France. Please call Carol if you would like to join us, seats are £20

per head with a deposit of £10 on booking.

MINSTER W.I.

Our February meeting had quite a „green" theme! Our speaker, Francesca Baur, talked

about how she set up her textiles printing company, Fable and Base, in Whitstable. All her designs have a sustainable/green theme and are influenced by nature. She gave us a demonstration of how she does the printing and brought along samples of printed fabric she had produced.

Members had also brought along their green hearts which they had knitted, crocheted,

felted and sewn to decorate our Jubilee tree to „Show the Love" the WI's campaign to

highlight the effects of climate change. These have been used to decorate our Jubilee tree.

Tuesday 14th March meeting is Craft and Social - members can try to make sugar craft

icing flowers, decorate a candle, have an introduction to social media or play board

games. The competition is 6 decorated cupcakes.

21st March - Birthday Dinner at St. Augustine's Golf Club

25th March – Dabble Day for members

Visit the new Minster WI website at www.minsterthanetwi.org.uk

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

Our May play, David Tristram's Inspector Drake's Last Case, is in rehearsal and our

excellent scene-builder Peter Pamphilon has started to build the set, which contains a fireplace from a production at the London Palladium!

David Tristram is possibly Britain's funniest playwright, and he has excelled himself here with Inspector Drake's Last Case, one of his funniest plays!

This is no ordinary whodunit. The broad and, let's face it, frankly silly humour will keep you laughing from start to finish, while trying to keep up with the plot as Cook, the gardener, Gardener, the cook; Butler the guest, and Guest the butler confuse Sergeant Plod, while the scalpel sharp mind of Inspector Drake fails to resolve the play's final question – which you know the answer to.

Sitting at the back of the hall during our productions, I can watch with great satisfaction as our audiences laugh continuously from start to finish in our comedies, and I ask myself,

“When was the last time you laughed all

the way through a comedy on television?"

There is no doubt that laughter is the best and cheapest therapy for the worries and

stresses of everyday life, so leave the TV, and come and join us for an evening of life-enhancing laugh therapy with Minster Playhouse and Inspector Drake's Last Case -

Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th May
7.30 pm at Minster Village Hall.

Box Office is open from March on
07501 894 381

Minster Playhouse is not a run-of-the-

mill amateur dramatic society. We work to

unusually high artistic and technical standards, and have a dedicated following of

enthusiastic theatre-goers who make a point of not missing our productions. If you

haven't been to see us, make the effort and come along – we work hard to make sure

that you will be pleasantly surprised.

www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

LONDON MARATHON

Carly Bedwell is running the London Marathon to raise money for the Terrence Higgins

Trust helping to support people affected by HIV

Carly, who grew up in Minster is raising vital funds for the Terrence Higgins Trust, the UK's leading HIV and sexual health charity. Carly will be running the London Marathon on 23rd April 2017. To help boost the sponsorship Carly and her family are holding a

Coffee Morning on Saturday 25 March
from 10.00am until Noon at the Old
Schools in

Church Street.

There will be tea, coffee, cakes, crafts,
various games, tombola and a raffle.
Please come along to help show your
support.

Carly works in the Pharmaceutical
Industry and has been able to see the
amazing

advances in HIV medicine. Over the past
few decades the prognosis of someone
diagnosed with HIV has changed

dramatically. HIV is no longer a death sentence.

However, this brings about new challenges and other long term effects to be aware of.

Unfortunately, social attitudes have not advanced as quickly as science, and HIV still carries a great deal of stigma.

The Terrence Higgins Trust works to provide comfort and support for people with HIV

going through tough times, and make sure they never feel alone. They can educate

young people about the facts around HIV

and the importance of valuing their sexual

health. They are fighting the shocking stigma and discrimination which still exists around people living with HIV.

India Turner-Lees, Community Fundraising Manager at Terrence Higgins Trust, said; “The fundraising that Carly is doing makes such a big difference to people living with and affected by HIV, and poor sexual health. The money raised will help us deliver vital

services to help us end the HIV epidemic, improve sexual health and empower people to live well with HIV.”

If you are unable to make the 25th March but would still like to donate, please go to Carly's Just Giving page at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CarlyBe>

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In Memory of Katy Lakin

A message from her sister Lucy, mum Jan, dad John and husband Saul.

Katy was very much a village girl and loved everything about Minster. She worked at the Bell Inn, Minster Co-op and Minster Day Nursery during her life. She was so caring and fun-loving and was loved by many. She married Saul

Creed at St Mary's Church which

was the best day of her life. As many of you know, shortly after her wedding she passed away so our family felt it only right that they celebrated her life at St Mary's Church followed by her wake at the Legion.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone who

helped her through some good and bad times. Our family will be forever grateful and

can't believe the generosity and kindness of everyone in the village and

to all others involved.

Lucy and 11 of her friends will be taking part in a Skydive in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice and in memory of Katy on Sunday 30 April at Beccles Airfield in Suffolk, which they have organised themselves. They could really do with your help in fundraising for this worthy cause.

Last year Lucy's twin sister was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and after a very brave and strong fight, she sadly lost her battle in November 2016. It was her wish to marry the man of her dreams which she achieved but sadly passed away just a few hours after her wedding.

Pilgrims Hospice provided some exceptional care for her. This Skydive is just a small way to raise money to help others who need similar care.

Please, if you can spare any amount big or small, it would mean the world to her family and friends.

Here are details for her „just giving" page or there is a sponsorship form at the Hair of the Dog.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/t>

Thank you all in advance.

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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING Summary of Key Points 7th February, 2017

The meeting opened with the Chairman welcoming two new Parish Councillors, Ray

Owen and Tony Goodman.

A representative from Decimus Property, acting for Costa Coffee, addressed the

meeting concerning the proposed development of the land adjacent to the Premier

Inn, south of the filling station. They are considering applying for planning

permission to build a Costa Coffee drive through with parking for 31 cars. The land is currently owned by Mr Spanton but is not used as farmland. Problems with travellers on that

site were encountered last year. The councillors and public asked a number of

questions. In summary the view was that this would be an acceptable use of the land,

subject to public consultation, appropriate landscaping and sound baffling.

Police Community Support Officer

Shaun Riches reported that the police had received 73 calls to attend Minster since 1st December and only one resulted in a crime report which later transpired to be a mistake. The last call to the nuisance youths at the bus shelter in Tothill Street was on 22nd December so it is hoped that this matter is

resolved, at least for the time being. Kent Police are recruiting additional PCSO"s and on completion of training 5 are due to be posted to Thanet.

The Community Warden Aaron Kluibenschadl is investigating the issue of vehicles

driving at high speed through the village.

Cllr. Crow-Brown reported that the PWRR reserves are moving back to Manston (Fire School).

Cllr. Gregory encouraged everyone to attend the Local Plan consultation events. The nearest one to Minster is at The Holiday Inn on Monday 20th February between 1pm

and 5pm. Other dates and locations are listed on the front page of January Minster

Matters. Cllr. Gimes pointed out that only one consultation event is being held during the evening making it difficult for

the average working person to attend. Cllr. Gregory stated that council officers are looking into this.

Chairman, Bob Grove, reported that TDC engineers are planning to install cameras at areas known for fly tipping (Cottington Bridge & Spencer"s Pond) to discourage this activity.

Council agreed that a date will be set for a separate closed meeting to discuss the Parish Council response to the Local Plan amendments. (This has since been agreed to

be on 21st February.)

A resident emailed the council to

raise concerns about parking in Tothill Street and dog fouling; plans for yellow lines in certain areas of the village are already in hand and great efforts have been made to install dog waste bins in many locations throughout

the village. Cllr. Taylor produced some posters which will be displayed to remind dog owners of their responsibility and consideration will be given to an additional bin at the top of Prospect Road.

The Council agreed to the use of the Recreation Ground for the Minster Show on

22nd July.

Cllr. Quittenden reminded everyone of the Twinning Assn. anniversary coach trip to France on 25th June.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Another big improvement! This is the first month the total has been under 100 for a long time.

Only 30 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and only 65 patients did not attend their nurse's appointment. Thank you to all those

patients who have helped us achieve such an improvement and long may it continue. So please remember – Don't need it, cancel it, by phone, text or online.

“WALK FOR LIFE” ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The surgery has now launched this programme and we are inviting people to come and join us in a walk around the local area for about an hour or so, with the aim of meeting people, becoming more active and enjoying our community. These take place every Thursday at 10.30

so please come along and join us.

OUR NEW PROJECT - YOU DECIDE!

We will be launching our new project in time for the Spring Fayre, so would like your help please. What additional facilities or equipment would you like to see at the surgery? What do you think would benefit you and your family the most? Please let us know - we welcome your feedback and all suggestions will be put on display on our notice board.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patients responses were as follows: Extremely likely/likely - 92%; extremely unlikely/unlikely - 5%; unsure/don't know - 3%.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00noon on the following days for the purpose of staff training: Thursday 30 March; Wednesday 26 April; Wednesday 24 May. The surgery will also be closed all day on the following bank holidays: Good Friday 14 April, Easter Monday 17

April, Monday 1 May; Monday 29 May.

Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821 333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111, to receive non-urgent

confidential health advice and information for all the family. For urgent/life threatening issues, dial 999 as normal.

LIAISON GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821 200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821 049.

A BIG THANK YOU - 2016 - WAS OUR BEST YEAR EVER!

At our fund raising events we raised just over £1300, which was brilliant. We

received donations from patients and friends totaling just over £17000, which was amazing and we purchased much needed additional equipment totaling £18137, which was fantastic!

So we would like to say a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who has help and supported us throughout the year, without which we would never have achieved such amazing results.

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**MINSTER & MONKTON
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB**

Royal British Legion, 61 Augustine
Road - EVERY WEDNESDAY 2.00pm -

4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of Bingo

ALL MEMBERS and bona-fide guests
welcome. Phone Pat on 822 622

PSYCHIC FAYRE

Sunday 12 March Village Hall 10.00am
- 4.00pm

£1 entrance, children free - Come early
& book your readings

All profits to be sent to Animal
Sanctuaries

Enquiries to Kay on 297 665

MINSTER & MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 March 7.30pm Village
Hall

Speaker: Janine Dalton on „Sissinghurst
in Spring"

Points Competition: A pot of flowering
bulbs

**THE HERMITAGE ENSEMBLE
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX MALE
VOICE CHOIR**

St Nicholas at Wade Church - Tuesday

21 March 7pm Refreshments available

Tickets £15 on the door £12 in advance
– under 18s free

Tickets available from St Nicholas Post
Office – or phone 847 701

AMBER'S ADVICE

If you are afraid of being lonely, don't try
to be right.

TIGER' TIP

Have houseplants with dusty leaves?
Grab a banana and eat it, but keep the
skin. Use

the skin to clean the leaves. The dust will stick to it, and the juice is good for the plants.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Been in the wars since I was here last. Fell down the stairs and injured my leg but after a couple of days resting on the sofa it's back to being as good as the other three.

We've been plagued by a mouse indoors recently and the little so and so has even had

the audacity to nip off with my dinner on occasions, he made off with nearly enough to refill my bowl, but we've put

an end to his nightly forays into my supper, Mum locks it away in the cupboard before she goes to bed.

The old boy, and mum have been up in the loft, under the stairs and in the backs of

cupboards but they haven't found a nest, however they've filled up lots of holes and

cracks and „touch wood" we've not seen or heard the little devil for the past week or so, hopefully he's gone off to raid pastures new (or our bait has seen to his demise!).

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
RAMSGATE AND MINSTER

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone
592 071

Parish Office Saints Ethelbert &
Gertrude Church 72 Hereson Road
Ramsgate

Holy day of Obligation each Sunday at
10.00am in Minster Abbey

MINSTER ABBEY

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday
10.00am Midday prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm Compline 7.50pm
(followed by Silent Prayer)

All our visitors, not only Christians but people of all faiths and spiritual tradition, all who

„truly seek God" (rule of St. Benedict) are warmly welcomed to join us in prayer, in our beautiful monastic chapel.

**THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER
CORPS Church & Community Centre**

Lieutenants Luke & Katy Johnson Tel:
822 308 or 825 178

Mondays 9.30am Bumps and Babies
(Term time only) 2.15pm Friendship
Club

Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and Toddlers
(Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League

Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group.
10.30am until 2.30pm Age UK Outreach

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

ST MARY MAGDALENE
MONKTON SERVICES IN MARCH

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10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

12 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

19 10.15am United Holy Communion
with Methodists

Something new for Monkton

**Seamark – look in, look up, look out -
Worship for all**

**4.00pm Sunday 26 March (Mothering
Sunday) Monkton Primary School Hall**

Then each Fourth Sunday of the month

Accessible worship for all the
community

Come and try this new service

45 minutes to learn more together about
Jesus with singing, activities and prayer

followed by simple food and drink.

come and see

Info: Richard Braddy | 821250 |
info@wantsumchurches.org

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER
SERVICES IN MARCH**

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm

Encounter Lent – reflecting on Lent to
include Holy Communion

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Lent Begins

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

6.30pm

Evensong

12 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

19 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

26 Mothering Sunday

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

Baptisms at St Mary's Minster

5 February – Sam Cracknell (11 months)

12 February – Austin Gent (10 months)

Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
followed by refreshments

Holy Communion at Home

is available for anyone who is unable to access Minster or Monkton Church

Telephone 821 250 or 822 428

Christians Together in Minster

Tuesday 7 March - Minster Abbey -
7.10pm Compline followed by

7.30pm Lent course and refreshments

Tuesday 14 March - Minster Abbey -
7.10pm Compline followed by

7.30pm Lent course and refreshments

Tuesday 28 March - Minster Abbey -
7.10pm Compline followed by

7.30pm Lent course and refreshments

Tuesday 4 April - St Mary's Church
7.30pm

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CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is available to speak to residents by
appointment.

Please ring 07711 774 262 or contact

him via the Parish Office on 821 339

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown
Tel: 821 449

District Councillor Ken Gregory Tel:
822 368 or 07850 233 359

County Councillor Roger Latchford OBE
Tel: 841 956

Sir Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries -
for appointments and advice on urgent
problems: Tel: 848 588 (mornings from
10.00)

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS,

London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening - Your readers this month were

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE